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EXAMINING GROUP 3652**

PATENT

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In re Application of:

Brian R. JANES et al.

Application No.: 10/028,580

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For: LOAD BEARING MEMBER
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) Group Art Unit: 3652
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) Examiner: Michael S. Lowe
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed December 02, 2004, the period for response to which extends through March 02, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of remarks that follow:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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